

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.
301 S PARK AVE – HELENA
4TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
MINUTES**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Jennifer Porter, RDH, and Chairperson of the committee, called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.
- 2. ROLL CALL:** Jennifer Porter, RDH, Dental Hygiene Board Member; Terry Klise, DDS, Dentist Board Member; Cliff Christenot, LD, Denturist Board Member, were present.
- 3. NOT PRESENT:** Ms. Luella Vogel, Public Member.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT:

DLI STAFF PRESENT: Dennis Clark, Board Administrator, and Mary Tapper, Board Legal Counsel.

OTHERS PRESENT: The attendance list is available from the Board office by request.

- 5. REVIEW OF AGENDA:** Review agenda of December 14, 2011.

Motion: Mr. Christenot, to accept the agenda as presented.

Second: Dr. Klise

Carried: Unanimously

6. PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT:

The Chair read the public comment statement and asked for comment. No comments were heard.

5. ECONOMIC AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE (EAIC):

The Committee heard presentations from Ms. Susan Good Giese representing the Denturist Association of Montana, Ms. Kim Dunlap, RDH, representing the Montana Dental Hygienist Association (MDHA), and Attorney Ms. Jacqueline T. Lenmark of the law firm Keller, Reynolds, Drake and Gillespie P.C., representing the Montana Dental Association (MDA).

Dr. Robert Neil DDS, President of the MDA, also spoke to the committee.

Each of the three professions had submitted proposals to the Board committee prior to the meeting to try to find a compromise between the current makeup of the Board of Dentistry and the possibility of

a separate Board of Dental Hygienists/Denturists as was discussed at the Legislative EAIC meeting in August 2011.

Based on the submissions, the MDHA and the Denturist Association positions would require statutory changes. The two professions were in agreement that they wanted statutory authority over their respective professions.

The MDA proposal would have potentially implemented rules to establish standing committees for Hygienists and Denturists.

Motion: Dr. Klise, to establish, by Board rule, standing committees for Hygienists and Denturists under the Board of Dentistry.

Second: Mr. Christenot

Failed: On roll call vote, Mr. Christenot and Ms. Porter voted "No". Dr. Klise, "Yes".

The Dental Hygienist and Denturist professions will go forward with statutory proposals to the January 20, 2012 Legislative EAIC meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Dr. Klise, to adjourn at 7:14 p.m.